



## Mayor Antonovich to Dedicate George Lane Park Memorial Wall Honoring Armed Services, Firefighters and Law Enforcement

To commemorate Patriot’s Day, September 11, 2006, Mayor Antonovich joined local leaders and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation to unveil the George Lane Park Memorial Wall. First envisioned by George Lane Park Board members Danny and Donnia Brooks, the Memorial Wall will pay tribute to our armed services, firefighters and law enforcement officers and serve as a reminder to future generations about the atrocities of September 11, 2001, and the need to preserve liberty and freedom across the world.

The wall and surrounding landscaping were installed by crafts and ground maintenance personnel from the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.



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## Employee of the Month Public Social Services’ Allen Fontenot

“Allen Fontenot demonstrates leadership, expertise and professionalism which promotes growth and responsiveness from all staff,” says Tony Kwok of Allen Fontenot, October’s Employee of the Month. Mr. Fontenot has been working for the County of Los Angeles for 28 years and is currently employed as a GAIN (Greater Avenues for Independence) Services Supervisor with the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). In this capacity, he is the back-up for the Deputy Region Administrator (DRA) for the San Gabriel Valley GAIN Region’s Pomona GAIN sub-office. His duties include supervising a unit of eight employees, and as a back-up to the DRA, he oversees the sub-office operation and daily activities when the DRA is out of the office.

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# EVENT CALENDAR

## Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden

301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007

For a list of seminars, workshops and classes, please visit  
[www.arboretum.org](http://www.arboretum.org) or call (626) 821-4623

## Los Angeles County Museum of Art

5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036

(323) 857-6000

[www.lacma.org](http://www.lacma.org)

### Music

Dec 7 - The Music of "Pollock" with composer Jeff Beal

Jan 31, 2007 - Images: The Influence of Magritte by Eighth Blackbird

### Exhibitions

Through December 10 - Glass: Material Matters

Through January 7, 2007 - Breaking the Mode: LACMA's Contemporary Fashion Collection

Through January 7, 2007 - Masquerade: Role-Playing in Self-Portraiture—Photographs from the Audrey and Sydney Irmas Collection

Through January 7, 2007 - Long Exposures: Contemporary Photo Essays from the Permanent Collection

Through January 15, 2007 - Consider This...

Through February 25, 2007 - Picasso's Greatest Print: The Minotauro-machy in All Its States

Through Mar 4, 2007 - Magritte and Contemporary Art: The Treachery of Images

### Music Center

135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

(213) 972-7211

[www.musiccenter.org](http://www.musiccenter.org)

### Ahmanson Theatre

Through Dec 10 - The Light in The Piazza

Dec 12-31 - Edward Scissorhands

### Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Nov 25-Dec 16 - L'incoronazione di Poppea

Through Dec 17 - Hansel and Gretel

### Mark Taper Forum

Dec 13-Feb 18 - "13"

### Kirk Douglas Theatre

Through Dec 10 - In The Continuum

## Walt Disney Concert Hall

135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

(323) 850-2000

[wdch.laphil.com](http://wdch.laphil.com)

### NOVEMBER

21 - Chamber Music with Adès

24-26 - Dvorák's Seventh

26 - Organ Recital: Jane Parker-Smith

28 - Green Umbrella with Thomas Adès

### DECEMBER

1 - Guinga with the L.A. Phil

2-3 - Tchaikovsky's Pathétique

3 - Han-Na Chang in Recital

6 - Christmas with The Canadian Brass

7-10 - Sarah Chang plays Bruch

13 - Holiday Organ Spectacular

14-17 - Bach's Magnificat

15-17 - 'Twas the Week Before Christmas

19 - A Chanticleer Christmas

21 - The Klezmatics: Happy Joyous Hanukkah

22 - The Escovedo Family Orchestra's Latin Holiday Celebration

23 - Holiday Sing-Along

23 - *Go Tell It on the Mountain*: The Blind Boys of Alabama Christmas Show (8 pm)

31 - New Year's Eve: Lyle Lovett in Concert

### Los Angeles Master Chorale

Dec 9 - Holiday Wonders: Carols, sing-alongs and fun for the whole family (1 pm)

Dec 10 - Rejoice: Cantata No. 6 from Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*

Dec 11 & 18 - Messiah Sing-Along: Your chance to sing at Disney Concert Hall

Jan 28, 2007 - Steve Reich 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tribute

### Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles

For a list of events, please visit [www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org) or call

(213) 763-3466



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## Supervisor Yaroslavsky Announces Coastal Water Quality Improvement Program

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky explains an aggressive new water quality improvement program aimed at better identifying sources of pollution fouling area beaches and coastal watersheds. Spurred by findings in the Heal the Bay 2006 Beach Report Card (<http://www.healthebay.org/brc/annual/default.asp>), Supervisor Yaroslavsky co-sponsored a motion directing County departments of Public Works, Public Health and Beaches and Harbors to report back with a detailed plan to improve coastal water quality. Joining Supervisor Yaroslavsky on the promenade in Santa Monica for the announcement are, left to right, Mark Pestrella, Assistant Deputy Director, Department of Public Works, and Dr. Jonathan Fielding, Director, Department of Public Health.



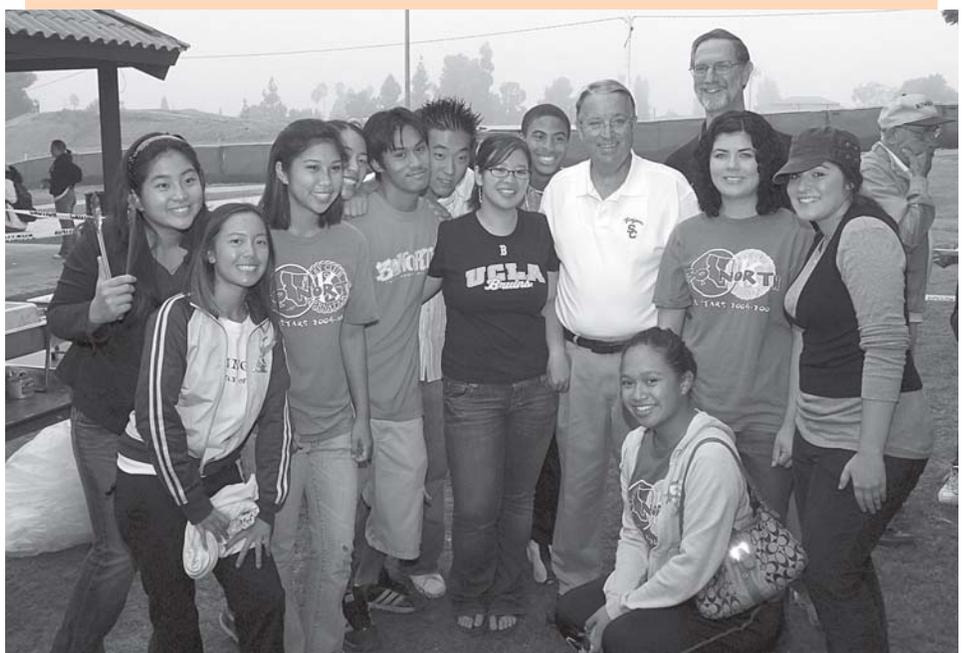
## Knabe Katch Fishing Derby Returns To La Mirada Regional County Park

Over 1,000 youth ages 5 to 15 were angling for a prize catch at the Tenth Annual Knabe Katch Fishing Derby recently. This year's event was hosted by Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe and the La Mirada Kiwanis Club, along with the City of La Mirada and the County Department of Parks and Recreation.

“The fishing derbies are always fun events that children and families look forward to and many return to participate each year,” said Supervisor Knabe. “Even if a child has never fished before, there are volunteers on-hand to show them the art of casting a line and the fun of putting a worm on a hook.”

The event began with a free pancake breakfast, followed by the derby kickoff. Children took part in free fishing and angler safety lessons, as well as other activities. Each child also received a free t-shirt and was eligible for prizes in several categories.

This year's fishing derby also included a first-ever event. A community health fair was held at La Mirada Regional Park. The health fair included free services, glucose checks, vaccinations, blood pressure and dental checks.



# RETIREES

*Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:*

**ASSESSOR:** Alice L. Cousar

**CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES:**

Carolyn F. Matsuda, Carolina Torrez

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES:**

Barbara Zolla

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** Stephanye M. Strider

**FIRE:** Stephen W. Lockwood, Donn L. Paben

**HEALTH SERVICES:** Erskine J. Bates, Susana Becerra, Elcedo L. Bradley, Jesse Chavira, Michael K. Johnson, Sarah V. Mc Neil, Mildred Murphy, Lydia Perez, Ronald R. Rose, Subodh Sharma

**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Clara J. Glass

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Elva J. Moore

**MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY:**

Thomas J. Sitton

**PROBATION:** Carolyn J. Connor, Ira J. Miller, Sharon Y. Perkins Bond, Stephen G. Yoder

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Samuel Bellomo

**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Faye M. Byrd, Susan J. Clemens, Carmen Donosso, Charmaine Draper, Joyce A. English, Charlotte Hyatt, Jacqueline Pollock, Sophie A. Ramirez

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Yvonne M. Bratcher, Sheila D. Simpson

**SHERIFF:** Lucila Q. Davis, Rosalind L. Glenn, Russell Krintz

*Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 25 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:*

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:** Vivian K. Miyamori

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES:**

Beverly D. Ferguson, Manuel Jimenez, Judith Pocock

**HEALTH SERVICES:** Rosia Collins, Karen R. Musekamp

**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Alfonza Brewer

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Arthur F. Schlichting

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Rodney J. Graham

**PROBATION:** Felipe Jimenez

**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Bernard Cole, Barbara J. Wilson

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Patricia Wilson

**SHERIFF:** Jacques H. Nadeau

**SUPERIOR COURT:** Sonia M. Arostegui, Joan W. Salmon

## EOM

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Due to his commitment to provide excellent customer service to participants and partners, Mr. Fontenot was responsible for the productivity improvement of GAIN Region III's high employment placements. His accomplishments in DPSS includes development of the GAIN Induction and the GEARS (Gain Employment Activities Reporting System) Computer System Training Handbook, which was used as the only manual for training GAIN staff until recently. His expertise has contributed to the enhancements of program policies, Homeless Assistance and the Sanction Home Visit Project.



“I find serving the community exhilarating and self-rewarding,” Mr. Fontenot says. “My fondest memory that stands out the most is when I first came to GAIN. There was a participant that I was serving and assisting in finding employment. The participant was a young lady without a prior employment history, and she had very low self-esteem. I managed to motivate and coach her in completing a vocational training program that led to not just a job, but a career. The participant is now a Customer Services Manager for the Sears Corporation. Although she is no longer receiving public assistance, she contacts me on various occasions and lets me know how she is doing and how GAIN and I changed her life.”

Mr. Fontenot maintains an active leadership role in the community. His participation in the Internal Revenue Service Volunteer Income Tax Assistance project contributed to its success in assisting participants with completing their tax returns. He maintains an active leadership role in the community by serving as the Head of Sheik Temple No. 98, Commander in Chief of Riverside Consistory No. 273 and as an Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Mason of the United Supreme Council.

Mr. Fontenot holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He is married to Betty Fontenot, also a County employee.

Thank you, Mr. Fontenot, for your excellent 28 years of service to the County of Los Angeles!

## Stephanie Stone of San Pedro Is the First Woman Appointed to the Los Angeles County Veterans' Advisory Commission

The Board of Supervisors recently approved Supervisor Don Knabe's appointment of San Pedro resident Stephanie Stone to the Los Angeles County Veterans' Advisory Commission.

Stone, who retired from the United States Navy in 1997 after 20 years of service, is currently the Program Director for the Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Management and a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

Stone works with a variety of groups including: the American Society for Public Administration, the Coro National Alumni Association and the San Pedro High School Booster Club. She was also asked to sit on the Los Angeles City Advisory Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs, and was elected chair in 2000.

"Serving as the first woman on the Commission will be an honor which will not be lost on me," said Stone. "My passion is not limited to but includes a focus on Women Veterans' health care issues."

"Stephanie has an incredible amount of knowledge and experience in dealing with Veteran issues," said Supervisor Knabe. "I know she will be a valuable asset on the County's Veterans Advisory Commission."



## County Probation Sweep Nets Drug Trafficker, 10 Illegal Weapons and Assault Rifles

A probation sweep conducted by Los Angeles County Developing Increased Safety through Arms Recovery Management (DISARM) officers assisted by the La Verne Police Department on the morning of October 12, resulted in the arrest of a known narcotics trafficker and seizure of 10 illegal weapons including assault rifles and a cache of ammunition including:

- (1) Colt AR15 rifle
- (1) Norinco AK47 rifle
- (1) SKS rifle .223 with attached bayonet
- (3) 12 gauge shotguns
- (1) Winchester 70 bolt action rifle
- (1) Ruger M77 bolt action rifle
- (2) Loaded 9mm hand guns
- (6) Hunting knives
- (13) Loaded high capacity magazines

The arms seizure was made during a compliance check of a probationer who also maintains a residence in Claremont. Subsequent to the La Verne search, DISARM officers worked with the Claremont Police Department to apprehend the probationer at his residence.

Initiated by Supervisor Antonovich following the August 1999 shootings at the North Valley Jewish Community Center by an armed probationer from Washington State, the DISARM program entails pairing Deputy Probation Officers with local law enforcement personnel to perform unannounced searches of probationers and their homes, as a condition of probation, and targets guns, drugs, and other contraband.

Since its implementation in February of 2000, the DISARM program has seized 2,590 weapons and over \$18 million in illegal drugs and drug money, resulting in 5,804 arrests. 41% of probationers in this program have been out of compliance with their terms of probation.

## It's Quitting Time L.A.! Contact the FREE California Smokers' Helpline

Are you thinking about quitting smoking or know someone who is? It takes the average smoker 7 to 9 quit attempts before kicking the habit for good. Smokers are most successful in quitting with help, and help is available at no cost to all Californians through the California Smokers' Helpline, **1-800-NO-BUTTS (1-800-662-8887)**. The Helpline offers information on cessation resources and telephone counseling to smokers who want to quit or are thinking about quitting, previous smokers who want to maintain their smoke-free lifestyle, and anyone who wants information for friends or relatives. Callers remain anonymous and the information exchanged is kept confidential.

The Helpline is available 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pacific Standard Time Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The Helpline has a 24-hour voice mail service for after-hours and when the line is busy. The toll-free number is available in six languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Korean, as well as TDD/TTY for the deaf and hard of hearing. The Helpline is also accessible online at: <http://www.californiasmokershelpline.org>.

Thursday, November 16, 2006, marked the American Cancer Society's 30th annual Great American Smokeout® where smokers across the nation were encouraged to take part by smoking less or quitting. The event challenged people to stop using tobacco and raised awareness of the many effective ways to quit for good. It's quitting time L.A! Contact the California Smokers' Helpline and let this convenient and free resource help you or someone you care about achieve a healthier, smoke-free lifestyle.

## Holiday Shopping Tips That Will Help You Avoid Holiday Shopping Problems and New Year's Budget Blues

- Prepare a holiday budget and stick to it. Pay with cash to avoid overspending.
- When paying with a credit card, use just one. This makes it easier to keep track of your spending. Paying by credit card gives you legal protections if products are defective or you don't receive what you ordered.
- Ask about refund policies before you buy. Some stores offer a full refund, while others offer only a store credit or no refund at all.
- Save receipts. You'll need them for returns and exchanges. When buying sale items, check your receipt before leaving the cash register to be sure you were not charged the regular price.
- When buying on the Internet, check that the website is secure before entering your personal or financial information. Secure websites begin with "https://" rather than just "http://." They also display a locked padlock at the bottom of the screen. An unlocked padlock means the page is not secure.
- Gift Cards and Certificates. When buying a gift card, ask if it can be redeemed for cash. The store's policy will determine if cash is given for the amount not spent or if the balance remains on the card to be spent later. Nearly all service fees on retailer gift cards and gift certificates are forbidden. In California, most gift certificates don't expire no matter what the fine print says.
- Donating to charity. Many fraudulent charities use names that sound like the real charities. Don't be fooled. Give to charities you know, like the American Red Cross and the United Way.
- Read a contract and understand it before you sign. Check the interest rate and the total cost of the item when interest is included. Ask yourself if the interest rate is reasonable and whether you can afford the purchase.

## Supervisor Molina Holds Quilting Class for Mayberry Park Senior Club

On November 3, 2006, Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina proudly held an inaugural installation of the first ever Mayberry Park Senior Club. Many members have frequented the Mayberry Park Senior Center for years and utilize it regularly for meals, friendship, recreation, exercise, and regular bingo games in both English and Spanish.

“Our Mayberry Park seniors consider this facility their ‘home away from home,’ and I am so proud of the work they and our Parks staff have done to make the Mayberry Park Senior Club a reality,” Molina said. “It is important to treat our seniors with respect and dignity, and through this club, we will be able to ensure that their needs are met.”

The club’s leadership committee partner with staff from the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation to help seniors organize workshops, events, trips, and other programs. Current club officers include President Sandra Fellerman, Vice President Eva Olmos, Second Vice President Geneva Toman, Secretary Ana Rivero, and Treasurer Maria Meza.

“The idea of our very own club has helped the center come alive and everyone wants to be part of the excitement,” said Fellerman. “We love it here because we trust this place and we socialize. Seniors like to have fun, too!”

As an added treat, following the installation ceremony, Molina held a quilting class for the club’s members. Many were unaware of Molina’s passion for quilting but delighted to get a first-hand look at some of her original pieces.



*Supervisor Molina administers the Oath of Office to the leaders of the Mayberry Park Seniors Club.*



*Supervisor Molina displays her handmade quilt with a nativity motif during a quilt-making class held especially for Mayberry Park Senior Club members.*

### SHOPPING

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Guard against identity theft. Do not give personal information over the telephone or on the Internet unless you initiate the contact. Do not write your address, phone number, Social Security, or Driver License numbers on credit card receipts. Before giving personal or financial information to any business, ask how it will be used and if it will remain confidential.

# ENRICHING LIVES...

## “For a Spectacular Future: Quality Counts!” 20th Productivity and Quality Awards Program

The Board of Supervisors, the Chief Administrative Office, and the Quality and Productivity Commission recognized the 20<sup>th</sup> Productivity and Quality Award winners at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 with over 630 people in attendance!

The theme, “*For a Spectacular Future: Quality Counts!*” underscores the Commission’s commitment to promoting and sustaining creativity, innovation, and collaboration. It also highlights the County’s commitment to department programs that support performance measurement and our strategic plan. Recognition of these high quality projects demonstrates that our dedicated workforce continues to thrive in our ever-changing environment.



### **2006 Commission Chair Leadership Award P. Michael Freeman Fire Chief**



Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman has increasingly contributed personal and organizational leadership on a national scale. His leadership and vision have resulted in many operational improvements in the department through hands-on management, skillful decision-making, and the prudent use of financial resources and assets. During times of financial crisis, he has prevailed in finding necessary funding. This leader has continually sought ways to improve morale among his employees, and inspires them to embrace new challenges. He continues to seek ways to ensure the workforce reflects the diversity of the county population. His organizational vision statement and core values, including integrity, teamwork, caring, commitment, community, and courage, serves as a reminder of how its basic mission to serve humanity as proud protectors of life and property is to be carried out each day.

**AWARDS**

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**Other Top Ten Award Winners:**

Automated Drug Packaging Technologies  
*Sheriff's Department*

County Building Tune-Up Program  
*Internal Services Department*

Family Place Libraries Jumpstart Early Learning!  
*County of Los Angeles Public Library*

Live Homework Help & Getting Out the Word!  
*County of Los Angeles Public Library with Los Angeles County Office of Education*

Los Angeles County Property Tax Portal  
*Assessor's Office with Department of Auditor-Controller, Board of Supervisors Executive Office, and Treasurer and Tax Collector*

Point of Engagement  
*Department of Children and Family Services*

Return to Work and Injury Prevention Program  
*Sheriff's Department*

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*"Enriching Lives"*

**County Vision**

Our **purpose** is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Our **philosophy** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our **shared values**:

- **A can-do attitude** - we approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Accountability** - we accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Compassion** - we treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- **Commitment** - we always go the extra mile to achieve our mission.
- **Integrity** - we act consistent with our values.
- **Professionalism** - we perform to a high standard of excellence.
- **Respect for diversity** - we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** - we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our **position** as the premier organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- a capability to undertake programs that have public value;
- an aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation; and a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.

**County Mission**

*To enrich lives through effective and caring service*

**Strategic Plan Goals**

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Service Excellence           | 5. Children and Families' Well-Being |
| 2. Workforce Excellence         | 6. Community Services                |
| 3. Organizational Effectiveness | 7. Health and Mental Health          |
| 4. Fiscal Responsibility        | 8. Public Safety                     |

Gloria Molina <i>Supervisor First District</i>	Yvonne B. Burke <i>Supervisor Second District</i>	Zev Yaroslavsky <i>Supervisor Third District</i>	Don Knabe <i>Supervisor Fourth District</i>	Michael D. Antonovich <i>Supervisor Fifth District</i>
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# The Grand Eagle Award Winners:

## Gold Eagle Award Winners Fire Department's 12 Lead EKG Program Fire Department with Annenberg Foundation



The 12-Lead (EKG) Electrocardiogram Program allows paramedics in the prehospital setting to view early changes in cardiac activity when a heart attack is happening. The goal is to quickly transport the patient to a hospital heart catheterization lab for immediate drug or surgical intervention. Prior studies have shown that reducing the amount of time to restore blood flow to the heart by 30 minutes can reduce death by 80 percent. The program included a purchase to upgrade 100 EKG machines to 12-Lead capability, training of 700 paramedics and 3,000 Emergency Medical Technicians and collaboration with 83 receiving hospitals. Because of the size of the department (164 stations, 97 advanced life support units, servicing 58 contract cities and unincorporated county areas across 2,500 square miles), the time and expense made this project

seemingly impossible. A grant from the Annenberg Foundation for equipment and training saved the County \$1.3 million.

## Silver Eagle Award Winners Fraud Interdiction Program (FIP)

### District Attorney's Office with Sheriff, California Department of Insurance, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Franchise Tax Board, and National Insurance Crime Bureau

Healthcare industry fraud costs America over \$100 billion each year. The immediate victims of health care fraud are private health insurers and government-funded health plans. But every consumer is affected, and each one of us ultimately pays through higher taxes to support federal healthcare programs, lost health care dollars, and higher private health insurance premiums. In 2004, the District Attorney launched a pilot program to more effectively investigate and prosecute health care fraud cases. The Fraud Interdiction Program's (FIP) novel approach has produced immediate results. In less than 2 years, the program has targeted over 300 attorneys, medical doctors, chiropractors, dentists and clinic owners engaged in health care fraud. The most blatant abusers of health care insurance have been convicted and sent to state prison, and more than \$2 million in fraud has been prevented. FIP was designed and implemented by Deputy District Attorney Al MacKenzie. His individual efforts have resulted in immediate cost savings to the County, and to insurance companies and self-insured agencies throughout California and other states. The State Department of Insurance awarded \$650,000 in grant funding to continue the program's innovative prosecution efforts.



## Supervisors Burke, Molina and Yaroslavsky Attend Exposition Light Rail Line Groundbreaking

On September 29<sup>th</sup> Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Supervisor Gloria Molina, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, State Senator Sheila Kuehl, City of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Councilman Herb Wesson, Culver City Mayor Gary Silbiger, and Exposition Construction Authority Board Members celebrated the grand opening of the Exposition Light Rail Line, on track to open in the summer of 2010.



*Supervisor Burke and Supervisor Yaroslavsky share a moment of enthusiasm at the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Exposition Light Rail Line*

This exciting project, underway in the area of public transportation, is along the Exposition Corridor and will run from the Blue Line downtown in a southerly direction, making an underground right turn on Flower Street and proceed west along the existing Exposition Boulevard railroad right-of-way. The first phase will run from downtown out to a temporary terminus in Culver City. The second phase will run from Culver City out to a terminus in Santa Monica.

The Exposition Construction Authority, created by Senator Sheila Kuehl, has the responsibility of building this project and moving it forward. Most recently, the Construction Authority has selected a design contractor, started final design, and will begin construction soon.

Serving as Chair of the Construction Authority, Supervisor Burke is very excited about this project and is confident that it will be enjoyed by thousands of riders for many years to come. With the goal of providing transportation alternatives throughout the region, this project will help play a major role in defining Los Angeles County by contributing to the decrease of traffic as residents travel between downtown Los Angeles and the Westside.



*Supervisor Burke, Supervisor Molina, Supervisor Yaroslavsky and colleagues attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Exposition Light Rail*

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# Happy Holidays from all of us at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art

The Holidays are upon us! We here at LACMA would like to extend warm wishes to our Los Angeles County family with hopes for a pleasant holiday season and bring you a little early holiday cheer by opening an exclusive invitation to all Los Angeles County employees to join LACMA. Become a part of our family too!

Join now to receive a LACMA membership made  
exclusively for Los Angeles County employees – **at a 20% discount!**

Your special L.A. County / LACMA membership includes:

- **2 FREE tickets** to *Magritte and Contemporary Art: The Treachery of Images* (\$40 value)
  - **2 FREE tickets** to *Breaking the Mode: Contemporary Fashion from the Permanent Collection* (\$18 value)
  - **2 FREE tickets** to *Glass: Material Matters* (\$18 value)
  - **Unlimited FREE general admission** throughout the year
  - **FREE admission** for children 17 and under!
  - **Members-only priority ticketing privileges** for all specially ticketed exhibitions
  - **10% discounts at the LACMA store AND citywide** with our *CozmoCard* partnership
  - **Discounts on all film, music, and education programs**
  - **Members Appreciation Days** offering **additional** discounts for members museum-wide
- plus...

an exclusive invitation to LACMA's  
*New Members Party* on December 6, including a private *Magritte* viewing!

## LACMA membership for only \$60!

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The Los Angeles County Museum of Art looks forward to hosting your visit and honoring your patronage as the largest encyclopedic art museum in the west from a community that is already as rich and vibrant as the city of Los Angeles. We are pleased to open such an offer to L.A. County and bring the family of Angeleno employees closer together just in time for the holidays.

We hope you will JOIN us for the holidays and we hope to see you soon!

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\* Membership packet will arrive in 2-4 weeks.

## Mayor Antonovich Honored With NAACP's Justice Award

The Altadena Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has chosen Los Angeles County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich as the 2006 recipient of its "Justice Award."

Dr. Sandra Thomas, State Director of the NAACP, presented the award at the Freedom Scholarships and Awards Luncheon on September 10th in Pasadena.

The theme of the luncheon was "Conscience of a Nation," the same theme of this year's NAACP 96th Annual Convention held at the Midwest Airlines Center in Milwaukee from July 9 through 15, featuring Illinois Senator Barack Obama.



## Health Department to Hold Flu Vaccination Clinics Throughout Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County health officials announce that flu vaccine is currently available at Community Outreach Clinics through early December.

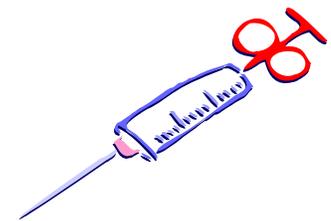
These clinics are targeted to Los Angeles County residents 50 years of age and older and individuals with chronic conditions that put them at risk for flu complications and who do not have a regular source of care or are unable to afford a vaccine from other sources.

Influenza is the leading cause of pneumonia and accounts for 110,000 - 200,000 hospitalizations and 20,000 - 40,000 deaths in the U.S. each year. Receiving the flu shot is the most effective way to prevent the flu and its complications.

"I urge all persons at highest risk of serious complications of the flu, including infants and children 6 months through 59 months of age, to get vaccinated soon," said Jonathan Fielding, M.D., M.P.H., Director of Public Health and County Health Officer. "All those most vulnerable should seek vaccination at one of the County's clinics or from their personal physician."

Those who should be given the highest priority for getting a flu shot include:

- Persons aged 50 or older
- Residents of long-term care facilities
- Persons with chronic health conditions
- Children aged 6-59 months
- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers for children under 6 months of age and others at high risk for severe complications from the flu; and
- Health care workers



For information regarding the hours and locations of flu vaccination clinics, please go to [www.lapublichealth.org](http://www.lapublichealth.org) or call the Los Angeles County Info Line at 211. For those whose usual health care providers do not have the vaccine, other sources are available. Many pharmacies are administering flu shots. Another source for information on where vaccines may be available in each part of Los Angeles County is [www.findaflushot.com](http://www.findaflushot.com).

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## Holiday Programs at County Libraries

The fall and winter holidays are exciting times at County libraries. Holiday stories and crafts are part of regular storytimes. Libraries have holiday programs with performers and special guests. Some of these holiday programs are listed below. You can check with your local County library for information on special programs, or you can view the online calendar located on the County Library's Web site at [www.colapublib.org](http://www.colapublib.org).

### Holiday Programs

**Nov 21 6:30 p.m.**

Turkey Surprise! Stories & Turkey Craft (family)  
Lomita Library  
24200 Narbonne Ave., Lomita  
(310) 539-4515

**Dec 2 10:30 a.m.**

Holiday Music with Craig Newton (all ages)  
Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library  
4533 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey  
(310) 821-3415

**Dec 2 2:00 p.m.**

Plays for Chanukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa by We Tell  
Stories (children/families)  
Culver City Library  
4975 Overland Ave., Culver City  
(310) 559-1676

**Dec 5 4:00 p.m.**

"Magic of the Holidays" with Tony Daniels (children)  
Maywood Cesar Chavez Library  
4323 E. Slauson Ave., Maywood  
(323) 771-8600

**Dec 8 - Dec 30 continuous**

"Snow is Falling" Winter Reading Game (children/teens)  
Littlerock Library  
35119 80<sup>th</sup> Street East, Littlerock  
(661) 944-4138

**Dec 9 1:00 p.m.**

Gingerbread House Party (children)  
Sunkist Library  
840 N. Puente Ave., La Puente  
(626) 960-2707

**Dec 9 3:00 p.m.**

Hanukkah Storytime & Craft (children)  
Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library  
4533 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey  
(310) 821-3415

**Dec 11 3:30 p.m.**

Gingerbread House & Stories (children)  
Lancaster Library  
601 W. Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster  
(661) 948-5029

**Dec 12 7:00 p.m.**

"The Magic of the Holidays" with Tony Daniels (family/all ages)  
Hacienda Heights Library  
16010 La Monde St., Hacienda Heights  
(626) 968-9356

**Dec 13 3:30 p.m.**

"Holiday Magic" with Tony Daniels  
Angelo M. Iacoboni Library  
4990 Clark Ave., Lakewood  
(562) 866-1777

**Dec 15 3:30 p.m.**

Buster Balloon Holiday Show (children/family)  
Paramount Library  
16254 Colorado Ave., Paramount  
(562) 630-3171

**Dec 16 3:00 p.m.**

Christmas Storytime & Craft (children)  
Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library  
4533 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey  
(310) 821-3415

**Dec 19 6:30 p.m.**

"Magic of the Holidays" with Tony Daniels (children/family)  
Lomita Library  
24200 Narbonne Ave., Lomita  
(310) 539-4515

## A Perfect Holiday Gift.....Savings Bonds!

The holiday season is a great time to think about purchasing gifts that last long after the celebrations are over, such as savings bonds.

“I have been purchasing U.S. Savings Bonds through payroll deduction for more than a decade,” said one County employee. “It is part of my plan to finance my son’s college education,” she added.

“Buying savings bonds through the County has been effortless and over time they have accumulated a nice sum,” according to another employee.

U.S. Savings Bonds are the gift that keeps on giving, with interest. Series EE Bonds are available for as little as \$25 for a \$50 bond and the new inflation-indexed Series I Bond is available for \$50 for a \$50 bond. Either bonds are a good investment for County employees.

To purchase the Series EE Bonds or the Series I Bond, please contact Ruben Rivero, CAO Workplace Programs, at (213) 974-2523 or via e-mail at rrivero@cao.lacounty.gov.

### AWARDS

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## Bronze Eagle Award Photo Bronze Eagle Award Winners Well Modification to Improve Water Quality Department of Public Works with United States Department of the Interior USGS

Arsenic is odorless and tasteless. It enters drinking water supplies from natural deposits in the earth. In 2001, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency adopted a new law reducing the maximum allowable level of arsenic in drinking water by 80 percent by January 2006. A significant portion of the Antelope Valley’s water supply comes from deep wells that contain higher levels of arsenic. Technology from the oil drilling industry was used to abandon and seal off the deep portion of the wells using an inflatable packer to inject microfine cement. Well screens were cleaned and treated to allow high quality shallow water to easily flow into the well. Water quality samples were collected and analyzed and the wells were replaced with new pumps and motors. This successful project resulted in a decrease in arsenic levels of up to 85 percent for a total cost of \$608,580. The project’s estimated one-time cost avoidance is about \$33.6 million with an annual cost avoidance of \$2 million.



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# Share It



## Lend a ‘Helping Hand’...Participate in DPSS’

### *Adopt-A-Family Program*

Get involved! Bring joy to someone’s life this holiday season and become a sponsor in the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) *Adopt-A-Family* program. Each year, this heartfelt and longstanding tradition continues to bring smiles to hundreds of needy families served by DPSS.

Los Angeles County staff, individuals, groups, community members, and local businesses can all participate in this joyous and gratifying event by sponsoring families. Sponsors are provided with the “adoptee’s” contact information along with their “wish list” of requested items. These items range from grocery items, clothing, gift certificates, or toy requests. The ‘Spirit of Giving’ is contagious and numerous volunteers who in past years have participated in this program have voiced this heartfelt sentiment. Volunteers so enjoy participating in the program that some gather together family, friends, and co-workers and hold “gift basket parties” where each person contributes items and his or her personal touch to the specially prepared holiday baskets. This activity is fun for the volunteers and a delight for the beneficiaries to receive!

The *Adopt-A-Family* program’s continued success can be attributed to the hundreds of volunteers that see the program as a worthwhile endeavor and generously donate their time and gifts. Los Angeles is fortunate to have caring people sharing and bringing joy to those in need.

The *Adopt-A-Family* program is the gift that can be enjoyed and cherished year round by the Adoptee and the Sponsor alike. If you, a group of co-workers, family members, or friends are looking to make a difference this holiday season, *Adopt-A-Family* is the program for you. Choose to make a difference in someone’s life this holiday season and keep the spirit of effective and caring service alive. For information call Virginia Carbajal, DPSS Volunteer Services Program Section, at (213) 744-4348.

#### AWARDS

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### **Tribute to the Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen**



Over the past ten years, our Chief Administrative Officer, David E. Janssen, has championed the Productivity and Quality Award winning projects, promoting them across the County. Mr. Janssen has provided the leadership and vision through the countywide strategic plan which the Commission has wholeheartedly embraced. The Commission paid special tribute to David E. Janssen at the Awards luncheon with a look at the past ten years, 1996 to 2005, of Top Award-winning projects. We know these projects would not easily be award-winning best practices were it not for the incredible support of our CAO, David E. Janssen.



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